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VIA E-MAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

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Re: SEC Docket No. 2015-04--Request for Modification of Memorandum of Understanding dated October 25, 2018, between Eversource and UNH

Dear Mr. Janelle:

On January 31, 2019, the Site Evaluation Committee issued an Order and Certificate of Site and Facility with Conditions (Certificate) to Eversource for construction of a transmission line in the above-referenced docket. As a condition of approval, Eversource is required to comply with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) executed by Eversource and UNH dated October 25, 2018, appended to the Certificate as Appendix IX.

On May 23, 2019, UNH submitted a letter requesting a minor modification to Condition III.B. of the MOU. Specifically, UNH requested that the phrase "Prior to the start of construction of the Project Facilities," be deleted and that the resulting Condition III.B. read as follows: "Eversource will obtain a signed and recorded easement for both temporary and permanent access on UNH property." UNH also submitted a modified Appendix B to the MOU, dated 5/13/2019.

UNH stated that the amendment to Condition III.B., is necessitated due to numerous design changes that have occurred on the UNH property and to facilitate the construction schedule provided for in Condition II.B., of the MOU. Eversource concurs with the UNH's request.

Based upon my review of the information provided, the minor change in Condition III.B of the MOU will not impact aesthetics, historic resources, air or water quality, the natural environment, public health and safety or the orderly development of the region. The revised language in the MOU does not constitute an actual material change in the location, configuration, design, specifications, construction, operation, or equipment component of the Project that would require further review by the Committee.

This determination is based solely on the information provided and is not binding or determinative of any future findings or rulings by the Committee.

I am requesting that UNH and Eversource submit a joint letter within 10 days of recording the easement, stating that the requirements of Condition III.B, as amended, have been satisfied. At your request, I have substituted the revised Appendix B to the MOU, dated 5/13/2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. G. Monroe', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pamela G. Monroe
Administrator

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